

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-188

Magi No. 2401885704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilbur Keas House

and/or common Barrett House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 207 S. Main not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. C. Gilbert Barrett

street & number 207 S. Main Street telephone no.: 301-641-0917

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title
date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Barrett house, 207 S. Main Street, is located on the northwest side of the intersection of Burley Street with South Main Street. It is situated near the rear of a rectangular lot that is surrounded on the north and west side by the Burley Cottage property (WO-78).

This 2½ story, wood frame dwelling is 3 x 4 bays with a hip roof featuring widely overhanging flared eaves. A brick chimney, exposed to the depth of 1 brick rises in the south wall and the house sits on a brick foundation. Windows are diamond-paned upper sash over single lower sash throughout. Siding is vinyl with asphalt roofing.

The principal (west) facade contains a central hip-roofed dormer repeating the wide roof overhang. The dormer walls are slanted and contain a pair of diamond-paned single sash windows in the front. The second floor center bay contains the same single sash window flanked by double hung windows in the remaining bays. The entrance, located in the left bay, features large single paned beveled side lights with the remaining bay on the right containing an oversized window. A one-story flat-roofed verandah extends across the front. It repeats the wide roof overhang and features simple full columns with wooden balustrade and steps.

On the rear (east) facade a one story, hip-roof projection, flush with the north facade, extends across more than half the facade. This 3 x 1 bay wing features the same diamond-paned windows as the main block. The basement, with windows in the south foundation wall, is entered from a slanted wooden entrance to the left of the one-story wing.

The south facade, facing Burley Street, features a 3 sided, one story bay projection with deep roof overhang.

Interior floor plan, woodwork, decorative fireplace treatment intact.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Although "four-square" in appearance, this house yields upon examination a mixture of refined details, sometimes "prairie" style and occasionally colonial-revival in the interior. It was well constructed with care and effort given to details. Its style, scale, and placement make a significant contribution to Berlin's historic district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Page Hammond

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city or town Berlin state MD

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